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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Mark J. Batchelor et al.
Application No. : 10/058,522 Confirmation No. : 4312
Filed : January 28, 2002
For : INHIBITORS OF INTERLEUKIN-1 β CONVERTING ENZYME
Group Art Unit : 1624
Examiner : Bruck Kifle

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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New York, New York
November 29, 2004

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to file a Reply to the May 27, 2004 Office Action. With the extension, the Reply and Notice are due on or before November 29, 2004.*

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* With the extension, the last day for responding to the communication is November 27, 2004, which is a Saturday. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7(a), applicants may submit the response on the next business day.

The Director is authorized to charge the amount of \$980.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) for the three-month extension of time to Deposit Account No. 06-1075.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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